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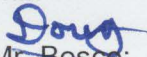


MIKE KERNS  
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mkerns@sonoma-county.org

March 26, 2009

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair  
c/o Ms. Maxene Spellman, Project Manager  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: Letter of Support for Grant Proposal for Ellis Creek Restoration Project, Sonoma County, California

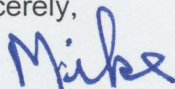
  
Dear Mr. ~~Bosco~~:

Sonoma County supports the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's grant proposal to restore approximately one-half mile of Ellis Creek in the Petaluma River Watershed. Restoration is necessary to prevent further landslide movement and sediment discharge into Ellis Creek close to the nearly completed, Conservancy funded, polishing wetlands. The project also includes a substantial environmental improvement plan which will restore over one half mile of riparian habitat along Ellis Creek, establish significant creek setbacks and enhance habitat for the Western pond turtle which is considered to be a species of special concern by The California Department of Fish and Game.

The Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District has worked extensively with agencies, organizations and cooperatives that have identified this agricultural/tidal marsh complex area in regional restoration and conservation plans. Substantial tracts of land in this area have garnered serious interest because of their conservation value. As such, several large parcels have been purchased in-fee or easements acquired to protect them in perpetuity. The Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District has actively worked with landowners on sediment retention, restoration and habitat conservation practices and some who are interested in pursuing conservation easements that will protect their land and allow them to stay in agriculture as sound land stewards. The project will also promote the continued efforts of the RCD and landowners to champion new restoration, enhancement and land conservation projects in the area.

Please contact me at 707-565-2241 if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Mike Kerns, Second District Supervisor  
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors





**COUNTY of SONOMA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

Rita Scardaci, PHN, MPH – Director  
Ruth Lincoln, PHN, MA – Assistant Director  
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***Environmental Health Division***

Walter L. Kruse – Director

March 31, 2009

Maxene Spellman, Project Manager  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**Re: Letter of Support for Grant Proposal for Ellis Creek Restoration Project,  
Sonoma County, California**

Dear Ms. Spellman:

The County of Sonoma Department of Health Services, Environmental Health Division supports the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's grant proposal to restore approximately one-half mile of Ellis Creek in the Petaluma River Watershed. Restoration is necessary to prevent further landslide movement and sediment discharge into Ellis Creek close to the nearly completed, Conservancy funded polishing wetlands. The project will preserve Ellis Creek and hence the Petaluma River from the pollution effects of surface water run off in the area.

The project also results in removal of loose tires from a ravine, thereby removing mosquito breeding habitat and potential fires with toxic plumes and firefighting run off. The project will also promote the continued efforts of the RCD and landowners to champion new restoration, enhancement and land conservation projects in the area.

Please contact me at (707) 565-6522, if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter L. Kruse", is written over a horizontal line.

Walter L. Kruse  
Director of Environmental Health

Cc: Christine Sosko, EH Program Manager  
John Guardino, Agricultural Scientist



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March 18, 2009

Mr. John Guardino  
Agricultural Scientist  
Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District  
1301 Redwood Way  
Petaluma, CA 94954

Subject: Flocchini Property-Ellis Creek Restoration Proposal

Dear Mr. Guardino

I have received and reviewed the information regarding the proposed intent to mitigate waste tires and restore the bank and riparian areas along the Ellis Creek which runs through the Flocchini property. As the Waste Tire Enforcement Program Representative for the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) I support your draft proposal as outlined in your "Letters of Support Needed" email sent out on March 10, 2009. I concur with the intention to remove the loose tires that populate the surface as opposed to the total removal of the waste tires.

Staff at the Sonoma County Waste Tire Enforcement Program looks forward to the Flocchini site cleanup. It is our hope that the CIWMB will support and approve this approach to cleanup and slope restoration of the Flocchini waste tire site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 9:30 am, at 707-565-6538. I may also be reached via email at [msheppar@sonoma-county.org](mailto:msheppar@sonoma-county.org).

Sincerely,

Martin A. Sheppard, R.E.H.S.  
Registered Environmental Health Specialist  
Sonoma County Waste tire Enforcement Program

c: Walter Kruse, Director EH  
Christine Sosko, Program Manager  
John Anderson, Senior EHS



Exhibit 5: Amended Project Letters  
United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
1301 Redwood Way, Suite 170  
Petaluma, CA 94954  
(707) 794-1242, ext 3

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Douglas Bosco  
C/O Maxene Spellman, Project Manager  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

May 11, 2009

**Re: Letter of Support for Grant Proposal for Ellis Creek Restoration Project, Sonoma County, CA**

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service supports the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's grant proposal to restore approximately one-half mile of Ellis Creek in the Petaluma River Watershed. Restoration is necessary to prevent further landslide movement and sediment discharge into Ellis Creek close to the nearly completed, Conservancy funded, polishing wetlands. The project also includes a substantial environmental improvement plan which will restore over one half mile of riparian habitat along Ellis Creek, establish significant creek setbacks and enhance habitat for the Western pond turtle which is considered to be a species of special concern by The California Department of Fish and Game. NRCS has an Environmental Quality Incentives Project in this area of Ellis Creek that is compatible with the proposed project and together the project will also greatly benefit water quality impacts on habitat.

The Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District has worked extensively with agencies, organizations and cooperatives that have identified this agricultural/tidal marsh complex area in regional restoration and conservation plans. Substantial tracts of land in this area have garnered serious interest because of their conservation value. As such, several large parcels have been purchased in-fee or easements acquired to protect them in perpetuity. The Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District has actively worked with landowners on sediment retention, restoration and habitat conservation practices and some who are interested in pursuing conservation easements that will protect their land and allow them to stay in agriculture as sound land stewards. The project will also promote the continued efforts of the RCD and landowners to champion new restoration, enhancement and land conservation projects in the area.

Please contact me at (707) 794-1242 ext. 105, if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlette Epifanio".

Charlette Epifanio, District Conservationist  
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

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JARED HUFFMAN  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, SIXTH DISTRICT

COMMITTEES  
CHAIR, WATER, PARKS AND  
WILDLIFE  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
UTILITIES AND COMMERCE

SUBCOMMITTEE NO.3  
ON RESOURCES

March 17, 2009

Doug Bosco, Board Chairman  
C/O Maxene Spellman, Project Manager  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing in support of the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's grant proposal to restore approximately one-half mile of Ellis Creek in the Petaluma River Watershed. This restoration is necessary to prevent further landslide movement and sediment discharge into Ellis Creek close to the nearly completed (and Conservancy funded) polishing wetlands. The project also includes a substantial environmental improvement plan which will restore over one-half mile of riparian habitat along Ellis Creek, establish significant creek setbacks and enhance habitat for the Western pond turtle which is considered to be a species of special concern by the California Department of Fish and Game.

The Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District has worked extensively with agencies, organizations and cooperatives that have identified this agricultural/tidal marsh complex area in regional restoration and conservation plans. Substantial tracts of land in this area have garnered serious interest because of their conservation value. As such, several large parcels have been purchased in-fee or easements acquired to protect them in perpetuity.

The Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District has also worked actively with landowners on sediment retention, restoration and habitat conservation practices, and individuals who are interested in pursuing conservation easements that will protect their land and allow them to stay in agriculture as solid stewards of the land. The project will also promote the continued efforts of the Resource Conservation District and landowners to champion new restoration, enhancement and land conservation projects in the surrounding area.

Please contact my district office staff at 415-479-4920 if you need any further information regarding this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Huffman".  
JARED HUFFMAN  
Assemblymember, 6<sup>th</sup> District



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STATE CAPITOL  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
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# California State Senate

SENATOR  
**MARK LENO**  
THIRD SENATE DISTRICT



March 27, 2009

Doug Bosco, Board Chair  
C/O Maxene Spellman, Project Manager  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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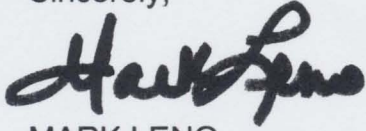
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projects in the area.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue for the constituents of my district and the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District. If you have any questions, please contact my district office at 415-479-6612.

Sincerely,

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MARK LENO  
Senator, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## San Francisco Bay Region



Linda S. Adams  
Secretary for  
Environmental Protection

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Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor

April 24, 2009  
CIWIQs# 717698

Mr. Doug Bosco, Board Chairman  
C/O Ms. Maxene Spellman, Project Manager  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

**SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Grant Proposal for Ellis Creek Restoration Project,  
Sonoma County, California**

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board supports the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's grant proposal to restore approximately one-half mile of Ellis Creek in the Petaluma River Watershed.

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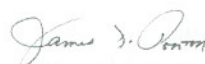
The Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District (SSCRCD) has worked extensively with agencies, organizations and cooperatives that have identified this agricultural/tidal marsh complex area in regional restoration and conservation plans. Substantial tracts of land in this area have garnered serious interest because of their conservation value. As such, several large parcels have been purchased in-fee or easements acquired to protect them in perpetuity. The SSCRCD has actively worked with landowners on sediment retention, restoration and habitat conservation practices and some who are interested in pursuing conservation easements that will protect their land and allow them to stay in agriculture as sound land stewards. The project will also promote the continued efforts of the RCD and landowners to champion new restoration, enhancement and land conservation projects in the area.



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If you have any questions, please contact me at (510)622-2492, or via e-mail at [jponton@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jponton@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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TMDL Section Leader

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